



## 1-130th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion North Carolina Army National Guard

The 1-130<sup>th</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB) is stationed in Morrisville, North Carolina at the Morrisville Army Aviation Wafighting Center co-located at Raleigh-Durham Interantional Airport with over 450 Traditional Guard Soldiers, Federal Technicians, and Active Guard/Reserve Personnel on site.



The **Mission** of the 1-130th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB):

- ❖ **FEDERAL:** On order, the 1-130th ARB deploys to conduct attack, reconnaissance, and security operations that complement other maneuver forces
- ❖ **STATE:** On order, the 1-130th ARB provides Defense Support to Civilian Authorities and performs missions as directed by the Governor of North Carolina in support of the citizens of North Carolina.

The 1-130th ARB currently has 24 AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters. The unit was the first Reserve Component unit fielded with the AH-64A Model Apaches in 1987 and the D Model Longbow in 2006. The unit has amassed well over 100,000 flight hours since fielding the Apache in the most demanding environments across the globe in support of both state and federal missions. The unit is proud to proclaim that its Soldiers are among the most experienced Apache Pilots and Maintainers in the force with an average AH Flight time of 1,100 hours and the average maintenance experience of approximately 16 years.



The 1st Battalion, 130<sup>th</sup> Attack Helicopter Regiment traces its roots back to 1921 as the Service Company, 120<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The unit underwent numerous reorganizations and reassignments and was organized in 1977 as the 28<sup>th</sup> Attack Helicopter Company equipped with UH-1M Huey Gunships, and later AH-1 Cobras. In 1986, the unit became the 30<sup>th</sup> Attack Helicopter Battalion and was the first Reserve Component unit to receive the AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopter. In October 1987, the unit was re-designated as 1st Battalion, 130<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. The Battalion

was mobilized in February 1991 in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In 1998 the unit was again mobilized and deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Desert Thunder II, and Operation Desert Fox. In March of 2000, the 1-130th ARB was the second AH-64A National Guard unit to become Deck Landing Qualified in support of Naval Operations. As a "Round-out" AH-64 unit for the XVIII Airborne Corps, in early 2003 the unit was mobilized and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during which over 8000 combat hours were flown. The unit is a routine supporter of Active Component pre-deployment and sustainment training - for Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Special Operations, State Department, and CIA forces. The 1-130th ARB continues to participate in numerous exercises to include JRTC 14-08, Jaded Thunder, JOAX, JSHIP, JSWORD and other directed missions such as supporting the Army-Navy Football Game Flyover and the flights in support of the cinema feature "Transformers 2". Additionally, the unit is a frequent force provider for DSCA operations both in state and across the nation including Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy. Throughout its history, the unit has a proud record of service to the state and nation.

## **Deployments**

- ❖ 1991 Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Ft Hood, TX)
- ❖ 1998-1999 Kuwait- Operation Southern Watch, Operation Desert Thunder II, and Operation Desert Fox
- ❖ 2003-2004 Afghanistan- Operation Enduring Freedom III and IV
- ❖ 2009-2010 Iraq- Operation Iraqi Freedom

## **Significant Awards**

- ❖ Meritorious Unit Citation – OEF III/IV
- ❖ Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
- ❖ N.C Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation
- ❖ N.C Meritorious Unit Citation
- ❖ French Croix de Guerre with Palm
- ❖ Belgian Fourragere
- ❖ Milton A. Reckord Trophy (Multiple Awards)
- ❖ Walter T. Kerwin Award (Multiple Awards)
- ❖ Afghanistan Deployment- 11 Air Medals with "V" Device



Carolina Thunder 2015 LFX Ft Bragg NC



# Multi-Compo/Joint Training



## Significant Team level/Collective/Multi-ship Missions (2012-2015):

- OCT 2012: 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger BN LFX (5 day exercise) Avon Park Ranges, FL
- SEP 2013: MARSOC LFX & Close Combat Attack (CCA) Cherry Point, NC
- DEC 2013: MARSOC Dry CCA Cherry Point, NC
- JAN 2014: 1-252 Armor Bn Team training FT. Bragg, NC
- FEB 2014: 1-252 Armor Bn CCA Team training FT. Bragg, NC
- MAR 2014: 1-252 Armor Bn CCA Team training FT. Bragg, NC
- APR 2014: 118<sup>th</sup>/ 14<sup>th</sup> ASOS (USAF) Dry CCA and UH-60 escort Asheville, NC
- May 2014: MARSOC Dry CCA Navy Dare Ranges Dare County, NC
- Jun 2014: **Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC)** Fort Polk, LA
- AUG 2014: 118<sup>th</sup> ASOS Dry CCA (2 week exercise) Navy Dare Ranges and Ft Bragg, NC
- SEP 2014: 3rd BCT/82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne DIV CCA LFX (4 day exercise) FT. Bragg, NC
- NOV 2014: 1-151 ARB (Host) *Carolina Thunder 2014* McEntire JNGB, SC
- FEB 2015: 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group LFX (2/3SFG) (5 Day exercise) AP Hill, VA
- MAR 2015: 118<sup>th</sup> ASOS Dry CCA (5 day exercise) Alert Area 531, NC
- APR 2015: 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group LFX (1/3SFG) AP Hill, VA
- JUN 2015: 2-25 Marines (USMC) Dry CCA AP Hill, VA
- JUN 2015: MARSOC (USMC) Dry CCA Air Force Dare Ranges, NC
- AUG 2015: 1-130<sup>th</sup> ARB (Host) *Carolina Thunder 2015* Fort Bragg/A-531
- LFX /Air Assault/Interdiction Attk